

Application Serial No.: 09/623,519
Amendment dated September 2, 2003
Reply to Office Action dated May 30, 2003

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-42 are presently active in this case, Claims 1, 6, 8-11, 22, 24, 29, 30, and 35-42 having been amended and Claim 2 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present Amendment.

Claim 20 was indicated as being allowed. Claims 2, 6, 7, and 24 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 6 and 24 were rewritten in independent form including all of the subject matter of their respective base claims. Thus, the Applicants submit that Claims 6 and 24 are in condition for allowance. Additionally, Claim 7 is in condition for allowance, as being dependent upon allowable Claim 6. The subject matter of Claim 2 has been incorporated into independent Claim 1, and thus Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Additionally, Claims 3-5 are in condition for allowance as being dependent upon allowable Claim 1.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1, 3-5, 8-19, 21-23, and 25-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,619,433). Claims 35-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mattisson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,792,367). For the reasons discussed below, the Applicant request the withdrawal of the anticipatory rejections.

The Official Action indicates that Claim 2 contains allowable subject matter. The Official notes that the prior art fails to teach the subject matter recited in original Claim 2. The subject matter of original Claim 2 has been incorporated into independent Claims 8-11, 22, 29, 30, and 35-42, and thus the Applicants submit that Claims 8-11, 22, 29, 30, and 35-42 are allowable over the art. Additionally, dependent Claims 12-19, 23, 25-28, and 31-34 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable independent claim.

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The Official Action indicates with respect to Claims 6 and 20 that the prior art fails to teach the use of a frequency converter as a primary component for reducing energy. With respect to Claim 20, the Applicants wish to make a Comment on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance by noting that Claim 20 does not recite that a frequency converter is used as "a primary component" for reducing energy. And thus the Applicants submit that Claim 20 is not limited by such language. Nonetheless, the Applicants submit that Claim 20 is allowable over the art. Regarding Claim 21, the Applicants note that Claim 21 recites "calculating the reduction of power in consumption achieved when reducing the rotational speed of the fluid machinery with a frequency converter." Thus, the Applicants submit that Claim 21 is allowable over the art for same reason as Claim 20.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 3-5, 8-19, 21-23, and 25-42 are allowable over the cited art, and thus request the withdrawal of the anticipation rejections.

Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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